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Kill Her With Kindness

Dear Ann Landers: Our son is a sophomore in a university 400 miles away. The girl he dated before he left flies to see him every few weeks.

When he comes home for holidays and special occasions Rita (fictitious name) meets him at the airport. This is a privilege his father and I would enjoy.

Evidently the girl never has to check with her parents concerning meals or curfew. She is at our house for lunch and dinner every day and then they go out for the evening. We get to see very little of him when he is home.

We want our children's friends to feel welcome but don't you think it is in poor taste for this girl to hang around so much? We have talked to our son about her constant presence and he defends her—saying, "She is here at my invitation."

Are we old-fashioned or as the kids say "square"? What, in your opinion, is the best way to handle this?—FOGIES IN OUR 40'S

Dear Fogies: Kill Rita with kindness. Give her so much hospitality that she chokes on it. If you knock the girl you will force your son to defend her. Praise her to the skies—find something to admire—and soon your son will be knocking her.

Any gal who is as aggressive as this one stands a good chance of losing her boy friend—if his parents, especially his Mom, stay out of it.

Dear Ann Landers: The letter about the youngster who bought her mother a card of buttons at the dime store for her birthday reminded me of a bitter experience. This story has a good moral and I hope you will print it.

Several years ago my granddaughter, who was then five years old, picked a rose from the neighbor's garden. She wanted it for her mother. When the neighbor saw her he began to shout and curse. I immediately asked the man how much he thought the rose was worth. He said, "Five dollars." I gave him a \$5 bill and he seemed satisfied. Then I looked up the street and saw my daughter-in-law hitting the little girl with a stick. The child had tried to give her mother the rose and her mother was beating her. I have never seen such a sad little face in my life.

That night I told my son about the incident and both he and his wife suggested that I mind my own business. A terrible argument followed. That was seven years ago and I have not been inside their home since.

Last week my son called and said they had taken the girl to a specialist because she is 'disturbed.' The specialist suggested that the girl should be placed elsewhere. My son asked me if I would take her. How can I undo all those early years of abuse and fear? Please tell me.—HEARTBROKEN GRANDMOTHER

Dear Grandmother: Children who are emotionally damaged because of extremely harsh treatment often carry the scars forever. Generous doses of love and understanding in a new environment could help your granddaughter find her place in the world. I hope you will give it a try. There is much to be gained and little to lose.

"The Bride's Guide," Ann Landers' booklet, answers some of the most frequently asked questions about weddings. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of this newspaper, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 35 cents in coin.

Police to Continue Probe Of Wilmington Area Death

Los Angeles Harbor Division officials said Romson detectives are continuing their probe of a crushed skull, an investigation into the death of a man found unconscious in a Wilmington bar. Police said the man was last Sunday.

The man, who later died at Avalon Blvd., Sunday and sat Harbor General Hospital, was down in a booth. The bartender identified as Arthur Romder called police when he heard, about 50. His address is as unable to arouse the man.

Garden Checklist

- 1. Snails and slugs are active in cool weather. Stop them by scattering handfuls of snail pellets in the garden. Many fine controls are available at your local nursery.
2. After cleaning up the garden, spray to kill overwintering pests.
3. Nectarines and peaches are subject to leaf curl next spring if not sprayed now and again in February. Ask your nurseryman for the proper spray.
4. Bare root planting is at hand. Order new rose varieties now, even if they haven't arrived in nurseries yet.
5. Holly shrubs are in berry now at many nurseries. Select them when you can see what berry type you're getting.



PLAN HEART CAMPAIGN... Volunteering their help in planning for this year's fund campaign for the Los Angeles County Heart Association are these members of Torrance Rebecca Lodge 347. From the left are Frances Marshbanks, 1045 W. Jay St., a 10-year veteran of the campaign; Floella Whitacre, 911 Sartori, with the Heart Fund since 1960; and Pearl Greer, a heart volunteer since 1954. They began by sending out the Heart Association's publication to volunteers last month.

Health Examination Survey To Involve 350 Youngsters

A public health service Health Examination Survey involving youngsters from 12 through 17 years of age has started in the Los Angeles area and will continue through March 7, according to Dr. G. A. Heidbreder, health officer, Los Angeles County Health Department. Basic information and data on the various health aspects of these children and on certain physical and physiological measurements relating to growth and development will be obtained.

Some 600 or more households in this area, which is one of 40 areas in the nation which this survey will cover, will be visited by PHS workers, all of whom will have PHS identification and all of whom will be women. The actual survey examinations will be given in two successive periods: Jan. 13 to Feb. 6 and from Feb. 10 to March 7, inclusive. Other days will be devoted to the selection of children to make up the probability sampling and getting the child's medical history from the parents, stated Dr. Heidbreder.

IN ADDITION to the usual procedures of a routine health checkup, children will receive many special examinations from the PHS medical team during the survey including tests for visual acuity, hearing, respiratory function, exercise tolerance and grip strength. Chest X-rays for heart and lung abnormalities will be given and measurements taken of verbal, social, and perceptual skills. Reports of significant findings will be sent to the child's physician and dentist if the parents so desire, said Dr. Heidbreder, but no results of the examination, other than the child's blood type, will be disclosed directly to the parents. The survey is not intended as a screening procedure, and referral to a physician for diagnosis will not be made, he continued.

The current Health Examination Survey is part of a continuing U. S. National Health Survey which was authorized by Congress in 1956. Several programs or "cycles" have already been completed. One on chronic diseases, finished

Stronger Control Sought On Abandoned Structures

A stronger county ordinance to deal with unsightly and dangerous abandoned structures was called for this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in his continuing program to make area neighborhoods safe and pleasant. Hahn launched the program more than a year ago and has been receiving monthly reports from the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board on demolition and repair of unsafe structures in county territory.

In one of his first actions for the new year, the supervisor asked the County Engineer, Regional Planning Commission, and County Counsel to strengthen county ordinances in this field, particularly as they relate to property which has been fenced or barricaded. "The law should be clear that if such a structure is a problem the County Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board should be able to order the owner to correct it."

He emphasizes the only reason slums occur in any city is because of "sloppy building inspection or political indifference." "Most abandoned and unsafe structures are owned by 'absentee owners' who live in another area. They should

Art Guild To Honor Area Firms

Six business firms and one individual will be honored tomorrow at a meeting of the Lomita City Council when they receive the Southern Affiliated Guild of Visual Arts Award of Merit.

The awards, to be presented by Leland Hall, are given in recognition of assistance to the Guild and its local affiliate, The Palette Art Club. Hall is president of the Guild. Awards will go to McNerney's Mortuary, Ferrin's Woodworking and Supply Co., Kellogg's Lumber and Supply Co., Lomita Lumber Co., Linton Lumber Co., Glenn Radio Television Co., and Mrs. Judy Hassoldt, director of the Lomita Department of Parks and Recreation.

Student Named For Who's Who

Peter Gregora is one of 24 University of Redlands seniors chosen to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Gregora, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gregora of 17220 Elgar Ave., is a government major. He is a member of Delta Alpha scholarship society, Pi Kappa Alpha forensics honorary, California College Republicans, and vice speaker of the House of Representatives. He also represented Redlands on its College Bowl team.

Debate on Foreign Aid Program Set

Debate teams from the four Torrance high schools will be featured tomorrow at a meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance. The session will be held at noon at the Torrance Recreation Center. Teams will debate the issue of limiting American foreign aid programs to non-military assistance. Lee Pearce of South High and Neil Campbell of West High will take the affirmative side of the issue, while Pam Oliver of North High and Roberta Porra of Torrance will take the negative side. Steve Pearlston of West High will be the narrator.

You, Sir, Need to See A Man in a White Coat

Whenever I make a guest appearance on television I can expect a pouch full of mail, but it most certainly is not a diplomatic pouch. As these letters prove:

This one is sort of sad, in a sick way. It was written by a husband, or so he calls himself.

"Dear Sir: I too discovered my wife's lover in the bedroom something like the Mr. X you wrote about. After I took the necessary steps to ruin him pro-

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fessionally and economically, he turned to drink and now lives in a flophouse on skid row.

"For two years after his downfall, every four months, I required my wife to sleep with him in his filthy condition, thus insuring her fidelity to me the balance of the time. Apparently it was long enough, because she cried, begged and pleaded with me to come back to my bed and board with no restrictions. Generously, I allowed it.

"Now she follows your advice to the letter. Maintaining my home and the six children I gave her occupies her completely. No more of this giving away of goodies. Occasionally, however, she forgets her place and becomes somewhat testy. When a lesson is in order I drive to skid row and it's amazing how her viewpoint freshens.

—Mr. O."

You don't need a wife, sir, you need an attendant in a little white coat.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page B-4)

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for words.